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1. SUMMARY: TAIPEI PRESS GAVE SECONDARY TREATMENT TO NEWS REPORTS OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT BUT FEATURED LENGTHY EDITORIAL ANALYSES AND BACKGROUNDEERS ON SUMMIT AND ITS ADVERSE IMPACT ON PRC. WHILE AGREEING THAT PRESENT CLIMATE FAVORABLE FOR BILATERAL U. S.- SOVIET TALKS AND SUBSEQUENT CLOSER COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS AT LOWER LEVEL, LEADING PRIVATE PAPERS PROJECTED FAR MORE PROFOUND SUMMIT OUTCOME THAN DID OFFICIAL PAPERS WHICH EMPHASIZED SOVIET EAGERNESS TO UNDERMINE U. S.- PRC RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. INFLUENTIAL PRIVATELY- OWNED CHINA TIMES JUNE 19 EDITORIAL: "... THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL PERHAPS CHANGE FUTURE HISTORY. ANYONE WHO IS FULLY AWARE OF CURRENT WORLD SITUATION WILL NOT THINK THIS CONCLUSION IS EXAGGERATED... THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR A SHOWDOWN NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS. THE SO- CALLED FIVE- POWER CENTER OR MULTI- POLAR BALANCE IS BUT A POLICY CONCEPT. AMERICA AND RUSSIA ARE STILL THE ONLY TWO FIRST-CLASS MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPER- NATIONS. IF THEY CAN ERASE MUTUAL DOUBTS ON SECURITY AND BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, THEN THE TROUBLES WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST CAN STIR UP WILL BE VERY LIMITED. BOTH OF THEM CAN STOP THE PURSUIT OF THE MACHEVILLIAN- AND- METTERNICH STYLE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS WHICH ONLY CREATES MORE INSECURITY AND WORRINESS..."

3. LEADING PRIVATELY- OWNED UNITED DAILY NEWS JUNE 18 EDITORIAL: "... BOTH AMERICA AND RUSSIA SHOW AN UNPRECEDENTED OPTIMISM TOWARD THE SUCCESS OF BREZHNEV' S VISIT. THIS IS MAINLY DUE TO CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED U. S.- SOVIET TIES AND THE GENERAL WORLD SITUATION IN THE PAST YEAR... THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GREATLY REDUCED U. S.- SOVIET FRICTIONS, IMPROVED THEIR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CULTIVATED GREATER FAITH TO CONTINUE AND PROMOTE COOPERATION... IN SUBSTANCE , THE AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED IN THIS MEETING WILL FAR SURPASS THAT OF LAST YEAR. WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN PARTICULAR IS NOT THE AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE, OCEANOGRAPHY, COMMUNICATIONS, AGRICULTURE, ETC., BUT RATHER POSSIBLE DRAMATIC MOVES IN OTHER FIELDS. AND IF THEY SHOULD FINALLY DECIDE TO INSTITUTIONIZE SUCH SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER- POWERS OR AMONG THE FOUR OR FIVE POWERS, THE EFFECT ON THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BE STARTLING."

4. KMT OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS JUNE 18 EDITORIAL: "... IT WOULD BE TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT THE MEETING CAN ACHIEVE IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FIELDS OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS. AT MOST, BOTH SIDES WILL EMERGE AS IF THEY BENEFITED FROM THE TALKS SO AS TO GIVE THE MEETING A FAVORABLE APPEARANCE. WE STILL BELIEVE THAT IT IS AN IMPRACTICAL ILLUSION FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO THINK THAT ALL THE INTERWOVEN AND COMPLICATED UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFRONTATIONS CAN BE DISSOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS."

5. MILITARY YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS JUNE 19 EDITORIAL: "... WHAT WE CAN SAY NOW IS THAT THE NIXON- BREZHNEV TALKS WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. OF COURSE, THERE IS NO WAY THAT A FEW DAYS OF WINE AND TALKS CAN CHANGE THE BASICALLY CONTRADICTORY NATURE BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND

COMMUNISM AND SOLVE THE INHERITED CONFLICTS AMONG NATIONS. BUT THIS MEETING WILL SEE MUCH COMPROMISE. ONE MORE INCH OF COMPROMISING GROUND IN U. S.- SOVIET RELATIONS ONLY MEANS AN ADDED SOVIET THREAT FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO AMERICA IS TO PROBE THE SECRETS IN U. S.- CHINESE COMMUNIST RELATIONS AND TO UNDERMINE ITS DEVELOPMENT."

6. ENGLISH- LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS JUNE 19 EDITORIAL:

"... BREZHNEV'S TRIP IS A PART OF THE ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE A TEMPORARY CONDITION OF LIVE AND LET LIVE WITH THE AMERICANS. HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES NOT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BE, NOT BECAUSE HIS VIEW OF THE AMERICANS HAS CHANGED IN ANY WAY, BUT OUT OF SHEER NECESSITY... THE RUSSIANS NEED AMERICAN GRAIN. THEY ALSO REQUIRE A COOLING OFF OF THE ARMS RACE TO ALLOW MORE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE. BREZHNEV IS AWARE THAT IF THE FARM BATTLE IS NOT WON, MARXISM-LENINISM CANNOT SURVIVE IN THE LONG RUN. THE SOVIET PARTY CHIEF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES BACK AWAY FROM EUROPE. THIS IS THE KREMLIN'S GOAL IN PROMOTING A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE... THE U. S. S. R. HAS BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MOVES TO RELAX TENSIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS... RUSSIANS ALSO HAVE A FEAR WHICH BORDERS ON PHOBIA. THE KREMLIN'S PLANNERS FOR THE YEAR 2,000 HAVE NIGHTMARES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE ARRAYED AGAINST THE THINLY HELD VASTNESSES OF SIBERIA AND THE MARITIME PROVINCES. BREZHNEV WILL NOT ASK NIXON TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK. HE WILL SUGGEST - AND THIS WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE COMMUNIQUE - THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH. THIS IS A POINT ON WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON CAN AGREE. HE HAS ACHIEVED THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS PRESIDENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND UNDER COMMUNISM. THE LIAISON OFFICES ARE SUFFICIENT. THE AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS

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NO THOUGHT NOR DESIRE TO GO FURTHER... IF THE BREZHNEV TRIP IS A HOPEFUL SIGN, THAT IS BECAUSE THE BIGGEST COMMUNIST IN ALL THE WORLD HAS TO TALK TO THE UNITED STATES. THE TALK IS OF DIFFERENCES, AND OF ACCOMMODATING THEM, AND NO LONGER OF BURYING AMERICANS PEACEFULLY OR OTHERWISE."

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